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AMENDMENT UNDER PCT ARTICLE 34(2)
AND PCT RULES 66.1(b) AND 66.3

This Amendment is filed in response to the Written Opinion dated December 14, 2004, issued with respect to the above-referenced international patent application. Reconsideration of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

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LETTER ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT UNDER
PCT ARTICLE 34(2) AND PCT RULES 66.1(b) AND 66.3

The enclosed Amendment Under PCT Article 34(2) and PCT Rules 66.1(b) and 66.3 changes the claims in the following way:

Claims unchanged: 2-7, 9, 10, and 12-19;

Claims changed: 1, 8, and 11; and

Claims canceled: none.

Respectfully submitted,

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